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UP-FRONT

with Alan Buckley

It gives me great pleasure to be able to write today's column, as it's the first time in the history of the club that Walsall have reached the Semi-finals of a major Cup Competition, and with the fact that we are also on top of the Division table it's a double triumph.

The two leg semi-final against Liverpool is just reward for both players and supporters alike. Both days when the games are played will be times to enjoy, you can, however, be sure that the players are in the right frame of mind to get the right result and a trip to Wembley.

The night we beat Arsenal I felt superb, as I know you, our supporters, also felt, but at Rotherham, it was fantastic, what support we had, I've never seen such anywhere, you helped our game, thank you so much.

Having said that last Sunday we slipped, away at Newport, the players were upset, but it's becoming more difficult, as all the teams we now meet want to beat us as we are top and have reached the Milk Cup last four, but you can be sure that the players are on the right rails today.

A win against Bolton is important to maintain our top position, but in welcoming them as visitors, I'm pleased to see their manager John McGovern again, who is a new breed of managers. He's slightly older than me, at 34, but has a vast experience of the game, as he showed during his days at Derby County and Nottingham Forest.

Our visit to Anfield on Wednesday night pulled in some comment, but it was a useful evening, as not only did we see our semi-final opponents, but also savoured that great atmosphere.

Our new signing Ian Handysides from Birmingham City, is a great young player, who will serve us well, being able to play in three or four different positions, so you can see we are still building the playing side of the club on the right lines.

We are in another Cup Competition, the Associate Members' Cup, which is played for by the clubs in Division Three and Four. We have been drawn at home against Northampton Town, and it will be played on Tuesday February 21st, so we have got a very busy month coming up.



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SOCCER SCENE

Geoff Allman

Nothing succeeds like success and Scunthorpe United's battle to escape from the relegation zone has taken an upward turn in the midst of their F.A. Cup success over Leeds United. They went into their fourth round tie at West Bromwich with the confidence born of an unbeaten run of five league and cup games-much their best spell this season. Last Saturday's goalless draw at our opponents today, Bolton, was an exact replica of that on their only previous visit to Burden Park in October 1972.

Wooden spoonists Port Vale are also beginning to pick up points again and in successive home games they have now beaten promotion aspirants Sheffield United and Wimbledon and F.A. Cup giantkillers Bournemouth to more than double their previous points tally. This must be a great tonic for caretaker-manager John Rudge with former Everton striker Eamon O'Keefe scoring in all three games.

The success of teams beneath them has made Exeter's position even more dicey. The best gate of the season at St. James's Park saw the Grecians lose for the fourth time in five games, 2-1 to Bristol Rovers. Oddly enough the one game that Exeter City have won during this period was against high-flying Oxford. This was Rovers' third win in successive

seasons there and with four wins in their last five games they seem to be getting back into the promotion race.

Another "horses for courses" result was that at Brentford where Wigan Athletic chalked up their second double in successive seasons in what have been their first-ever games against the "Bees". Their win on Saturday followed four successive defeats on opponents' grounds and was a dramatic game for defender Paul Comative, who netted the matchwinner but was later sent off.

Lincoln City are a treble chance punter's joy at the moment with three successive score draws, the last of these at Plymouth on Saturday against a side unbeaten at home since October.

Meanwhile in the promotion race Hull City must be rueing the bad weather that has left them without a game since January 2nd., just as they were on a winning streak of four wins and a draw in five games. Sheffield United seem to be feeling the pace meanwhile with

four successive away defeats and draws in each of their last two home games.

The challenge of Burnley cannot be discounted despite being a little behind the front runners at present for in recent weeks they have taken on clubs in the promotion race, winning at Wimbledon and Orient, drawing here and at Sheffield United and losing only at Oxford United.

Talking of Oxford, Jim Smith's boys recently had the unusual experience not often met by Third Division clubs at this stage of the season, that of playing an F.A. Cup-tie, a league game and a Milk Cup-tie in the space of eight days. What's more they did not lose any of them, though a faulty back pass just as they seemed to be coasting to victory sent them to Everton for a Milk Cup replay.

Finally hats off to neighbours Birmingham City, who won at Ipswich Town on Saturday on a ground where they had lost on each of their last twelve visits, their last win there being in March 1966 when both teams were in Division Two.

DIVISION THREE LEADING GOALSCORERS.

	FL	MC	FAC	TOTAL
AlanCork-Wimbledon	21	2	2	25
KeithEdwards-SheffieldUnited.	18	2	4	24
JohnAldridge-NewportCounty	15	1	5	21
JohnHawley-BradfordCity.	16	0	1	17

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Walsall Observer



WALSALL v BARROW.
Saturday January 26th 1935.

PROGRAMME SPOT

Each programme we try to review a programme from an earlier meeting of the two clubs, today since the only programmes we have of previous games against Bolton are of recent years, we look back at one published for a game against Barrow in Division Three (North) 41 years ago, on January 26th 1935. This was of course two years after our famous F.A. Cup win over Arsenal and Sid Bennett, Johnny Reed, Chris Ball and Gilbert Alsop were still in our team.

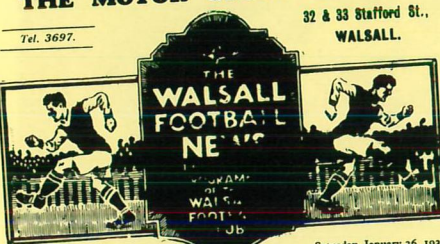
Gilbert in fact chose this game to net his hundredth league goal as we ran out 5-0 winners to put paid to something of a bogey as Barrow had won two and drawn one of their previous three games.

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Notes of the Week.

ALTHOUGH we were beaten 4-2 at Mansfield on Saturday, some idea of the good fight we put up against the Town is conveyed by the expressions of opinion heard after the match to the effect that it was difficult to understand how we came to be occupying such a humble position in the League table.

Mansfield have been doing very well lately, and if they had entertained any expectations of an easy win at our expense these must have been strengthened when they found themselves leading by 2-0 with the game less than a quarter of an hour old.

From that point, however, it was a case of Jack being just about as good as his master. Mansfield got a third goal before the interval, but we also scored a couple through Alsop and Bate, and there was a long spell in the second half when we were so much on top that the equalising goal seemed almost bound to come.

A splendid spot by Alsop would, in fact, have put us level but for an equally fine save by Fawcett, and the home goal had one or two other narrow escapes.

Then the game took another turn quite unexpectedly. The home right wing broke away and while our players were appealing confidently for "hands" a fourth goal was

scored against us. Any chance that we might recover from that blow was seriously reduced when Wiles had to go off with an injured knee, and so the Town finished rather more comfortable winners than had seemed likely.

This was the third out of the last four matches away from home that we scored twice without getting any tangible reward in the way of points, and we cannot help feeling that it is about time our luck turned when we find ourselves on opponents' grounds.

Alsop's goal at Mansfield, incidentally, was his 98th in League matches since he came to us from Coventry City, so that it will be a point of interest in to-day's match to see if he completes his century. His list up to date is:-

1931-32 14 1932-33 28
 1933-34 39 1934-35 18

If he adds one more to the list to-day he will have got his hundred in 132 matches, which is a remarkably fine achievement taking all things into consideration. At present the odds appear to be rather against him beating his own and the club's record which he set up last season, but there is no telling what he may yet accomplish in the remaining 17 matches.

Some of the spectators who attend our Reserves' games in the Birmingham Combination are talking of bringing cricbage boards with them to keep correct count of the score.

With a tally of eight goals against Atherton on Saturday, the second team brought their total for the last five home matches to 41, viz. 11 against Rugby Town, seven against Halesowen, six against Darlaston, nine against Evusham, and eight against Atherton. As it happens, their double-figure score against Rugby has proved of no avail, as the Town almost immediately afterwards withdrew from the Combination, and as Banbury Spencer have not been able, as they hoped to do, to take over their record and remaining fixtures, Rugby's record has had to be deleted altogether.

Shilton played particularly well on Saturday, and got four of the goals, and Griffith also showed good form on the right wing. It was also encouraging to see "Freddie" Lee standing his second test so well. Naturally, he did not let himself go "all out," especially as the game was so one-

Notes of the Week.

sided, but he accomplished sufficient to suggest that in the future we may hope to have him back into something like his old form again.

Next week we have two interesting cup ties here.

On Monday, Lincoln City will be our visitors in the first round of the Northern Section Cup. The "Imps" have already been here in the League, a goalless draw being the result of our fixture with them on October 6.

Last season we were knocked out in the first round by Mansfield Town, who came here and beat us by 2-1, but we are looking forward to advancing a bit further in the Competition this time, although, of course, we realise that Lincoln City may not be as easy a team to beat as we were on October 6.

The other cup tie is next Saturday, when our Reserves will be opposed to West Bromwich Albion "A" in the second round of the Worcestershire Senior Cup. That trophy is at present in our possession, by virtue of a win over Worcester City in last season's final.

To settle quite a lot of argument—and at the same time to dispose of the impression that we get rid of all our financial troubles as a result of the egg ties—give herewith the figures for the four matches we played.

	Goals	Assists	Shots	Passes	Errors
Crane A (1st round)	351	17	0	136	19
Watford (2nd round)	722	5	0	293	5
(Replay)	377	10	10	212	5
Southampton (3rd round)	552	18	0	321	2

It will thus be seen that our total receipts were £303 12s. 8d. From that sum there will have to be deducted the amounts we shall be called to pay Darlington and Gateshead as compensation for loss of gate through our League matches on their grounds being postponed and played in midweek.

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TO-DAY'S TEAMS.

WALSALL
 (Claret and Blue).

Right.
 (1) MEEVICH
 (2) BENNETT
 (4) REED
 (7) BALL
 WOOLHOUSE

Left.

(8) TILFORD
 (9) MORGAN
 (10) BRADFORD
 (11) BATE
 EVANS

BARROW.

(Royal Blue).

Right.
 (12) PICKARD
 (13) HOST
 (14) WILSON
 (15) TINNION
 (16) COWIE
 (17) HOPKINSON
 (18) ROBINSON
 (19) CLENSNAW

Left.

(20) ROWBOTHAM
 (21) BAKER
 (22) SHANKLY
 (23) CLENSNAW

KICK-OFF - 2.45.

Referee: Mr. W. BOOTH (Hawwood).
 Linesmen: Messrs. D. C. LOWE (Blue Stripes) and F. MEADOWS (Red Stripes).

League Tables.

Division III. (Northern Section).

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	12	1	1	25	10	25
Chesham	10	2	1	20	10	22
Doncaster	9	3	1	18	10	21
Hull City	8	4	1	16	10	20
Doncaster Rovers	7	5	1	14	10	19
Mansfield Town	7	5	1	14	10	19
Lincoln City	6	6	1	12	10	18
Sheff. Wed.	6	5	1	12	10	18
Wrexham	6	4	2	11	10	17
Crewe Alexandra	5	6	1	10	10	16
New Brighton	5	5	2	10	10	16
Barrow	5	4	3	10	10	15
Accrington	4	6	2	9	10	14
Grimsby	4	5	3	9	10	14
Gateshead	4	4	4	9	10	13
York City	4	4	4	9	10	13
Scunthorpe	4	3	5	9	10	12
Carlisle United	3	5	4	8	10	11
Southport	3	4	5	8	10	10

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Bolton Wanderers



Front Row left to right.
Charlie Wright (Coach), **Jeff Chandler**, **Steve Saunders**,
John McGovern (Player/Manger), **Ray Deakin**, **Simon Rudge**,
Peter Nightingale (Physio.)

Middle Row.
Warren Joyce, **Neil Redfern**, **Steve Thompson**, **Tony Caldwell**,
Eric Snookes, **Wayne Foster**.

Back Row.
Brian Borrows, **Neil Berry**, **John Platt**, **Simon Farnworth**,
Gerry McElhinney, **Peter Valentine**.

Just which face of Bolton Wanderers shall we be seeing today - that of the team that hammered us 8-1 at Burden Park in September or of the team that has failed to score in its last three games and has conceded a total of nine goals in their last two away games.

It is speculation such as this which gives us a healthy appetite for today's game against a club that was founded as Christ Church Football Club in 1874 and became one of the twelve original members of the Football League in 1888. By the outbreak of World War one they had been relegated and promoted four times each and had twice reached the F.A. Cup final without winning the trophy.

From 1911 onwards, however, they enjoyed their longest unbroken spell in Division One lasting until 1933 and in the course of which they won the F.A. Cup three times. They won the trophy again in 1958 in the midst of another substantial spell in the top Division either side of the

Second World War. Since 1964, however, they have spent only two seasons (from 1978 to 1980) back in Division One and after three uneasy seasons in Division Two they plunged to relegation at the end of last season.

This is only their third-ever season in Division Three, having been there in 1971/2/3. Hope that they would have thrown off the disastrous spell near the end of last season seemed to be coming true when they kicked off this season with four wins out of five, but then came a lean spell with only one win in the next seven games. They have still proved themselves a good home side with just one defeat (by Newport in October) and just three draws (against Burnley, Hull City and Preston).

Away from home they have won at Bradford City, Port Vale and Wigan Athletic, though in recent weeks they have lost 5-0 at Sheffield United and 4-0 at Wimbledon and drawing at home to Scunthorpe United. In the F.A. Cup they beat Tranmere Rovers and Mansfield

Town before going out to Sunderland.

Tony Caldwell, who in only his fifth league game got five goals against us in September, has not scored for a couple of months though **Eire International Jeff Chandler** (ex-Blackpool and Leeds) recently got seven goals in as many games and young striker **Simon Rudge** has also been on the mark.

In midfield **Warren Joyce**, son of club coach Walter Joyce, links up with teenager **Neil Redfern** and another home grown player **Steve Foster** while in defence **Gerry McElhinney**, who hails from Ireland, links up with Scottish Youth International **Peter Berry**, **Ray Deakin** (from Port Vale in 1982) and **Brian Borrows** (ex-Everton) with **Simon Farnworth**, a debutant this season, in goal. Possible substitutes include **Wayne Foster**, a young striker who has also won a Scotland Youth cap, and defender **Carl Valentine**, who was exchanged with Huddersfield for Paul Jones during the close season.

Geoff Allman.

JOHN MCGOVERN - Midfield.**Player/Manager.**

John was appointed as Player/Manager in June 1982. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest - whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

JOHN PLATT - Goalkeeper.

When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up the former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

SIMON FARNWORTH - Goalkeeper.

Coached enthusiastically by Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons and it has finally come this term.

GERRY MCELHINNEY - Defender.

Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 1980/1 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN - Defender.

A left back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale after beginning his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY - Defender.

International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES - Defender.

A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons. Eric is a defender John McGovern had been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blonde full back started his career with Preston North End and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE - Defender.

Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS - Defender/Midfield.

A regular full back berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield showing the versatility of this promising young player.

WARREN JOYCE - Midfield.

Son of club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender, Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist, makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield.

Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in Midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN - Midfield.

It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham United. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER - Striker.

A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER - Striker.

A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderer's scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS - Striker.

A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance of a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his impact in the League.

WALSALL v BOLTON

	Home	Away
DIVISION TWO		
1899/1900	2-2	0-2
DIVISION THREE		
1971/2	1-1	1-0
1972/3	3-2	1-0
1983/4		1-8

SIMON RUDGE - Striker.

Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terror-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL - Striker.

record breaking scoring feats in Non League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.

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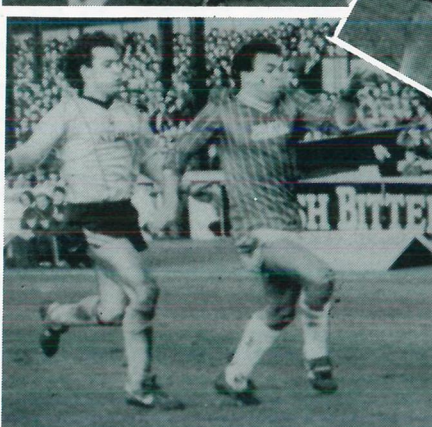
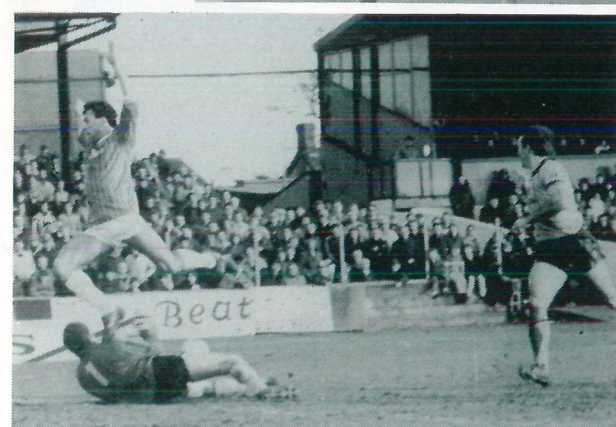
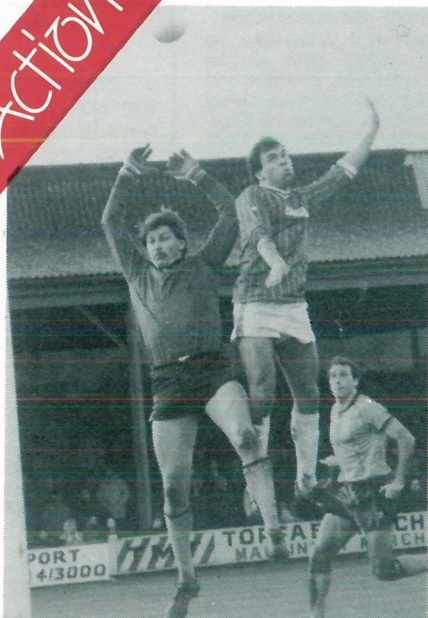
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Reflections.....

THIRTY YEARS AGO

We gained what was only our fifth win in 24 games on January 24th. 1954, when winning a re-election battle against Q.P.R., who were three places above us in Division Three (South).

George Meek, making his debut on our right wing after moving on loan from Leeds United, set up several chances which went begging in the first half, but it was not until after the interval that we went ahead as George Dean headed a Don Colombo flag kick just inside a post. The second goal also came from a Colombo corner, this being appropriately scored by George Meek to cap a fine debut.

Teams.

WALSALL. Chilvers, Horne, Green, Dean, Russon, Tarrant, Meek, Allsopp, Morris, Jones (G), Colombo.

Q.P.R. Brown, Wood, Poppitt, Nicholas, Taylor, Angell, Tomkys, Petchey, Powell, Cameron, Shepherd.

Attendance, 8,734.

On the same day Bolton moved to third place in Division One with a fine 5-1 win at Old Trafford, Nat Lofthouse and Ray Parry sharing the goals.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

After our 1-1 draw at Brentford on January 18th, we were without a game until Saturday February 1st. 1963, when we entertained Shrewsbury Town who were on the edge of the Third Division promotion race. We did quite well in the circumstances to take a point from a 1-1 draw and keep ourselves a few points clear of the relegation battle. Both goals came in the second half with Frank Clarke on the mark for Town and Graham Matthews for us.

Teams.

WALSALL. Tennant, Gregg, Sharples, Roper, McPherson, Dudley, Meek, Matthews, Wiggin, Hodgkisson, Foster.

SHREWSBURY TOWN. Boswell, Wright, Hemsley, Harley, Dolby, Brodie, Gregson, Ross, Clarke, Middleton, Taylor.

On the same day Bolton failed to improve their position next to Ipswich at the bottom of Division One, when they lost 3-2 at home to Nottingham Forest, Franny Lee getting both goals, while Frank Wignall got a hat-trick for Forest.

TEN YEARS AGO

We gained a heartening 3-1 win at Watford on January 28th., 1974 to lift us to tenth place in Division Three. Mick Kearns had an excellent first half with some splendid saves either side of George Andrews's header from John Saunders free-kick that gave us a 17-minute lead and it was another header, this time from Bobby Shinton from a Buckley free-kick that put us two points up just after the interval.

Dennis Bond pulled one back for the home side with a blistering drive from outside the penalty box, but then George Andrews took advantage of a tangle in the home defence to make the final score 3-1.

Teams.

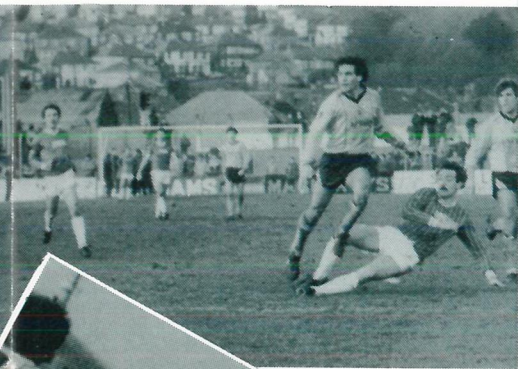
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WALSALL. Kearns, Harrison, Fry, Robinson, Saunders, Atthey, Sloan, Shinton, Andrews, Buckley, Taylor.

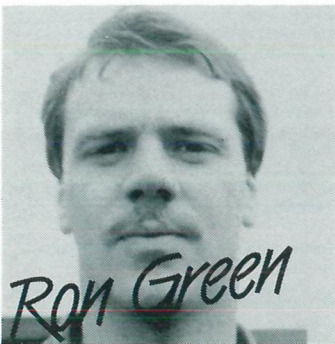
Attendance, 7,281.

On the same day Bolton drew 3-3 at Southampton in a fourth round F.A. Cup-tie, coming back from a 2-0 interval deficit with John Byron (2) and Gary Jones on the mark. Unfortunately they lost the replay 2-0 in midweek.

Geoff Allman.



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Ron Green

After missing a total of seventeen games with a dislocated collar bone, Ron Green returned to our goal in the Burnley game and played as if he had never been out of the team.

Such a feat is just typical of this reliable but unspectacular player who has given such excellent service since being plucked out of non-league soccer in 1977.

Born in Bromford Bridge, Birmingham in October 1956, Ron first attracted attention in the 1976/7 season when he played a prominent part in Alvechurch's West Midland League Premier Division Championship win. He conceded just 20 goals all that season and though other clubs were watching him it was our manager at that time, Dave Mackay, who secured his signature in June 1977.

He made his first team debut at Rotherham in the following October, but it was not until May 1979 that he played his second game for us and by a remarkable coincidence this was again at Rotherham. In the meantime he had helped us to win the Midland Intermediate League Championship.

He played his first home game for us in the 3-0 win over Lincoln City in September 1979 and finished on the winning side and missed only one game for the rest of the season. A mysterious illness kept him out of the side at the start of the following season, but he was rushed back into first team duty and not only shared in the 3-0 F.A. Cup win over Stafford Rangers in his first game back but embarked on a run of 94 successive first team games in the course of which he made the dramatic penalty save at Bramall Lane that kept us in Division Three.

He was injured in last season's game against Wigan in April, missed the opening of this season, but was right back to his best when unfortunately injured again in the Port Vale game early in October. Incredibly he stayed on the field and made one brilliant save even with a dislocated collar bone.

That Burnley game was his 170th for us and up to date he has kept the remarkable tally of 54 clean sheets. *Geoff Allman.*

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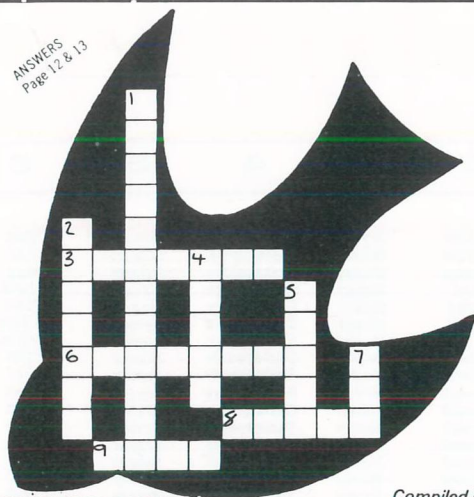
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3. Graham Taylor is in Charge here (7).
6. Tommy, manager of many clubs in the past (8).
8. Port Vale keeper, ... Siddall (5).
9. Brighton striker, Gerry.....(4).

Down.

1. Highfield Road club (8, 4).
2. John Trollope is in charge here (7).
4. Jesper, Danish International (5).
5. Colchester United of ... Road (5).
7. Villa keeper, Mervyn ... (3).

Compiled by
Andy Green.



"He's power mad since he's passed the Referees Exam."

QUIZ

Compiled by Geoff Allman.

1. Which present day Bolton player was born in Walsall.
2. Which Walsall goalkeeper of the early 60's played for Bolton in the early 70's.
3. What was the score just before Ally Brown got his first goal in our colours at Bolton in September.
4. Which Third Division team has recently won eight games in a row for the first time in their history.
5. Which Rotherham player has scored a total of eight cup goals this season.
6. How many Milk Cup goals has Mark Rees scored this season.
7. Which teams recently met in a Football League game, an F.A. Cup-tie and a Milk Cup tie in the space of eight days.
8. Which Fourth Division manager recently took over the reins again after being demoted to assistant manager at the end of last season.
9. Which former Walsall striker is currently playing for Hereford.
10. In which season were Walsall undefeated at home in League games.

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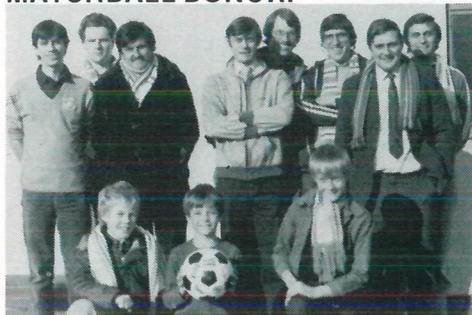
Dear Chairman,

I have the responsibility for policing the Millmoor Football Ground, and on 18 January 1984, some 60 coaches, 25 transit vans, and 2 full special trains, of your fans, in addition to many private vehicles arrived at Millmoor, and I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating your supporters for their excellent behaviour throughout the game.

I wish your Club, every success in the semi-finals.

Your sincerely,
T.Pratt. Superintendent.

MATCHBALL DONOR.



The above "team" are today's matchball donors, who come from Hammerwich, and we thank them for their support.

WELL DONE KENNY MOWER.

In "Match Weekly's" Matchmen of the Month for December, Kenny came in second in their Third Division awards, behind Colin Morris of Sheffield United.

Kenny had in fact played one game less than the others, so well done, and better luck next time.

THE WHITE OF ENGLAND.

For their game in Paris against France in late February, England will be playing in the "new" white shirts, which is part of a new sponsorship deal.

It is hoped that we shall see the England team play as they used to, when it seemed more stature was placed on the "old" England colours.

WE PLAYED BURNLEY IN 1901/2.

Cyril Willetts of Wednesbury has pointed out that we also played Burnley in season 1901/2 when we had lost our place in Division Two, and had returned to the Midland League. This game was in the 1st Round Proper of the F.A. Cup which Burnley won 1-0, and it was played at the old West Bromwich Road ground.

Thank you Cyril, but is normal to include on our visitors page, to only include a review of League results between the two clubs, however the point is noted.

1984 SADDLERS

CANON LEAGUE 3	Score	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6
AUGUST 1983								
27-Exeter City	1-0	4742	Kearns	Hawker	Mower	Shakespeare	Sinnott	Hart
30-Blackpool (MC Rd.1)	1-2	3353	Kearns	Hawker	Mower	Shakespeare	Sinnott	Hart
3-ORIENT	0-1	3003	Green	Hawker	Mower	Shakespeare	Sinnott	Hart
6-SHEFFIELD UNITED	1-2	4711	Green	Hart	Mower	Shakespeare	Sinnott	Hawker
10-Bolton Wanderers	1-8	4375	Green	Bates	Mower	Shakespeare	Sinnott	Hart
13-BLACKPOOL(MC Rd1.2I)	3-1	2879	Green	Hart	Mower	Shakespeare	Hawker	Brazier
17-NEWPORT COUNTY	3-2	2818	Green	Hart	Mower	Shakespeare	Hawker	Brazier
24-Southend United	0-0	3061	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
28-Oxford United	3-6	5720	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
1-PORT VALE	2-0	3757	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
4-BARNLEY (MC.Rd2.1L)	1-0	3681	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
8-Rotherham	1-0	3540	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
15-WIMBLEDON	4-0	2546	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
18-AFC BOURNEMOUTH	3-1	3782	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
22-Bradford City	0-0	2474	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
25-Barnsley (MC Rd.2.2L)	2-0	7844	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
29-BRISTOL ROVERS	2-1	4964	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
1-Hull City	2-2	8375	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
5-Scunthorpe United	0-0	2932	Godden	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
8-SHREWSBURY TOWN	2-1	7952	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
12-GILLINGHAM	3-1	4639	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
19-Bournemouth (FAC Rd.1)	0-4	4298	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
26-Wigan Athletic	1-0	3485	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
29-Arsenal (MC Rd.4)	2-1	22406	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
3-MILLWALL	1-1	5329	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Hawker	Hart
17-BRENTFORD	1-0	3965	Kearns	Bates	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
26-Lincoln City	1-2	4886	Kearns	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
27-BURNLEY	1-1	8131	Green	Hawker	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
31-Preston North End	1-0	6226	Green	Caswell	Hawker	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
2-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	3-2	4856	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
7-Orient	1-0	3106	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
14-EXETER CITY	3-2	5028	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
18-Rotherham (MC Rd.5)	4-2	14487	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
22-Newport County	1-3	4374	Green	Caswell	Mower	Shakespeare	Brazier	Hart
28-BOLTON WANDERERS								
4-Port Vale								
7-Liverpool (MC S.F.)								
11-SOUTHEND UNITED								
14-LIVERPOOL (MC.S.F.)								
18-Bristol Rovers								
21-NORTHAMPTON (AMC)								
25-BRADFORD CITY								
3-AFC Bournemouth								
6-SCUNTHORPE UNITED								
10-Gillingham								
17-ROTHERHAM UNITED								
24-Wimbledon								
31-Sheffield United								
7-OXFORD UNITED								
14-Millwall								
21-LINCOLN CITY								
23-Burnley								
28-WIGAN ATHLETIC								
5-Plymouth Argyle								
7-PRESTON NORTH END								
12-Brentford								
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SEPTEMBER.								
3-Coventry City	0-5							
10-NOTTS COUNTY	1-2							
17-West Bromwich Albion	1-4							
24-DERBY COUNTY	0-4							
OCTOBER.								
1-Aston Villa	4-4							
8-BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-7							
22-SHREWSBURY TOWN	1-4							
29-Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-1							
NOVEMBER.								
5-STOKE CITY	3-5							
7-Leicester City	0-7							
12-Nottingham Forest	0-3							
19-MANSFIELD TOWN	2-0							
26-WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LC	1-4							
DECEMBER.								
3-Stoke City .LC.	1-1							
10-SHREWSBURY TOWN .LC.	0-1							
17-Coventry City. LC.	2-0							

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Rees	Brown	O'Kelly	Preece	Childs	Summerfield
Rees	Jones	Summerfield	Preece	Childs	Buckley
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CROSSWORD ANSWERS.

Across.

3. Watford.
6. Docherty
8. Barry.
9. Ryan.
- Down.*
1. Coventry City.
2. Swindon.
4. Olsen.
5. Layer.
7. Day.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Chris Thompson.
2. Alan Boswell.
3. 8-0 to Bolton.
4. Bradford City.
5. Kevin Kilmore.
6. Five.
7. Aston Villa
and Norwich City.
8. Billy Horner
(Hartlepoons).
9. Ollie Kearns.
10. 1960/1.

MARCH.

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- 31-Port Vale
JANUARY.
7-NOTTINGHAM FOREST
14-Derby County
21-WEST BROMWICH ALBION
28-Notts County
FEBRUARY.
4-ASTON VILLA
11-Birmingham City. L.C.
18-WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS ..
25-Shrewsbury Town

3-COVENTRY CITY

- 10-LEICESTER CITY
17-Birmingham City
24-Mansfield Town
31-WEST BROMWICH ALBION LC.....
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CANON LEAGUE - DIVISION THREE

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
WALSALL	28	14	6	6	41	34
Oxford United	24	14	5	5	51	33
Hull City	23	12	9	2	38	18
Wimbledon	24	14	3	7	58	45
Sheffield United	24	12	6	6	48	30
Bristol Rovers	23	12	4	7	38	28
Orient	26	12	4	10	37	36
Burnley	23	11	6	6	48	27
BOLTON	24	11	6	7	35	29
Newport County	24	10	7	7	32	38
Gillingham	22	11	3	8	41	36
Bradford City	24	10	5	9	47	41
Lincoln City	24	10	4	10	33	33
Millwall	23	9	6	8	41	43
Preston	24	7	5	12	37	35
Plymouth	22	7	5	10	29	29
Southend	23	6	7	10	32	41
Wigan Athletic	22	6	6	10	24	35
Rotherham	23	6	4	13	23	35
Exeter City	24	5	7	12	32	45
Bournemouth	24	6	4	14	29	48
Brentford	22	4	8	10	32	44
Scunthorpe	23	4	7	12	28	48
Port Vale	22	3	3	16	18	44

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Sheffield United	22,756	8,984	11,399
Hull City	18,461	6,857	10,141
Burnley	12,136	5,301	7,355
Oxford United	12,748	4,239	7,088
Bolton	11,059	3,992	6,268
Bristol Rovers	7,472	3,861	5,900
Brentford	8,042	3,738	5,101
Millwall	6,707	3,776	4,933
Rotherham	8,946	3,466	4,899
Preston	6,661	3,198	4,733
Plymouth	10,387	2,990	4,677
WALSALL	8,131	2,546	4,433
Bournemouth	5,500	3,045	4,277
Gillingham	6,226	3,019	4,202
Port Vale	7,034	2,861	4,199
Wigan Athletic	10,045	2,505	4,155
Lincoln City	6,676	3,103	3,989
Exeter City	3,713	2,775	3,711
Newport County	5,154	2,462	3,606
Bradford City	6,405	2,474	3,555
Wimbledon	5,613	2,077	3,344
Orient	4,206	2,674	3,277
Southend	4,272	1,819	2,977
Scunthorpe United	4,470	2,177	3,000

We continue with our feature recalling the players who have played for the club, and today with the second part of those who have worn the number eight shirt.

Amateur Tommy Bromley had a short spell in this shirt in 1953/4 season when Major Buckley used a dozen different players in that position alone. Two former Leeds United men Gwyn Jones and Jack Finlay impressed at times, scoring vital goals in our F.A. Cup run of that season, but how many of our fans readily recall players who came and went after three or four games, men like Scotsmen Eddie McCreadie and Bill McLean, former Bangor City man Ken Lewis or even Brian O'Shaughnessy, normally a defender, but whose only first team game was at number eight.

Johnny Scarlet played in a number of different forward positions during four seasons with us in the fifties. He never really won a regular place, however, though it was at number 8 that he played probably his best games early in 1953/4. Sadly John collapsed and died during a Wolverhampton Works League game a few years later.

And so the mid-fifties with Jack Love a Scotsman from Nottingham Forest serving us for a few games as a polished inside forward before succeed-

WHO'S WORN



SHIRT

Geoff Allman

ing Major Buckley as manager. It was during Jack's time in charge that Don Dorman spent two seasons in our colours. This former Birmingham and Coventry forward was arguably just about the most complete number eight to have graced our colours - a great finisher, an outstanding schemer and an excellent captain. Sadly for us after getting 40 goals in three seasons he retired to become Birmingham City's Chief Scout, a job he remained in for the next 25 years.

Luckily Don was succeeded by another of our outstanding number eights, Ken Hodgkinson from Albion, who was a fine ball player and might have made more use of his finishing

qualities. Even so he got 54 goals in 334 league games up to 1966. He could be aggravating at times when caught in possession, but Ken was a major factor in our dramatic rise to Division Two and amongst his many fine qualities was his accuracy of distribution and his ability with inswinging corners.

Ken moved to inside left for part of his time here particularly in the spell from 1957 to 1960 when Roy Faulkner held down the number eight spot. Roy who had come from Manchester City, had a fine scoring record with us, getting 46 goals in 102 games and it was a pity that he lost form in our second promotion season and dropped out of the game while still well under 30.

Trevor Foster was a versatile home-grown forward who played a few games in this shirt in the sixties though probably at his best on the left flank, but one man who did well for two seasons wearing this shirt was Graham Matthews, formally with Stoke City, who scored within 30 seconds of his debut in August 1963. Graham, however, stayed for only these two seasons and after service with Crewe and Wrexham had the bad luck to break a leg. But what a fine striker of the ball he was on his day.

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Married with two daughters, he is employed as an office manager. An avid member of referees societies he is a licensed referee instructor of the Football Association.

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G.R.ASHBY - Yellow Flag.

D.DELANEY Red Flag.

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